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CLACUTTA 1855 FOLLOWS. SENT TO NEW DELHI FOR ACTION ON 2 AUG 77.
BEING RPT FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 1855

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, ELAB, SK
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SIKKIM

1. A SOURCE WHO HAS GIVEN THE CONSULATE GENERAL
RELIABLE INFORMATION ON SIKKIM IN THE PAST HAS
TOLD CONOFF O'NEILL THAT SIKKIM STATE EMPLOYEES
(NON-GAZETTED) WENT ON STRIKE ON OR ABOUT
JULY 26, 1977 FOR INCREASED PAY. THIS STRIKE,
INFORMANT SAYS, HAS NOW SPREAD TO TRANSPORTATION
WORKERS IN PRIVATE CONCERNS IN SIKKIM AND THERE
APPEARS TO BE ALMOST A GENERAL STRIKE SITUATION IN
THIS ISOLATED STATE. COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENT HAVE
REPORTEDLY COME TO A STANDSTILL. SOURCE SAID
THAT ONE BATALION OF CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE
(CRP), HAS WITHIN THE LAST THREE DAYS, BEEN
TRANSFERRED TO SIKKIM.

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2. WHILE THE ORIGINAL DISPUTE WAS OVER PAY
THERE NOW SAID TO BE AN ELEMENT WITHIN SIKKIM
WHICH IS TRYING TO PROLONG THE STRIKE SO THAT
PRESIDENT'S RULE WILL BE DECLARED AND FRESH

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS CALLED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

3. THE CHOGYAL, WHO WAS TO VISIT PRIME
MINISTER DESAI DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST,
HAS REPORTEDLY HAD HIS TRIP CANCELLED ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DELHI, THOUGH OUR
SOURCE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CHOGYAL IS
INVOLVED IN THESE DISTRUBANCES.
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